

# A Prayer from Pope Francis



Mary,  
Virgin and Mother,  
you who, moved by the  
Holy Spirit, welcomed the  
word of life in the depths  
of your humble faith: as  
you gave yourself  
completely to the Eternal  
One.

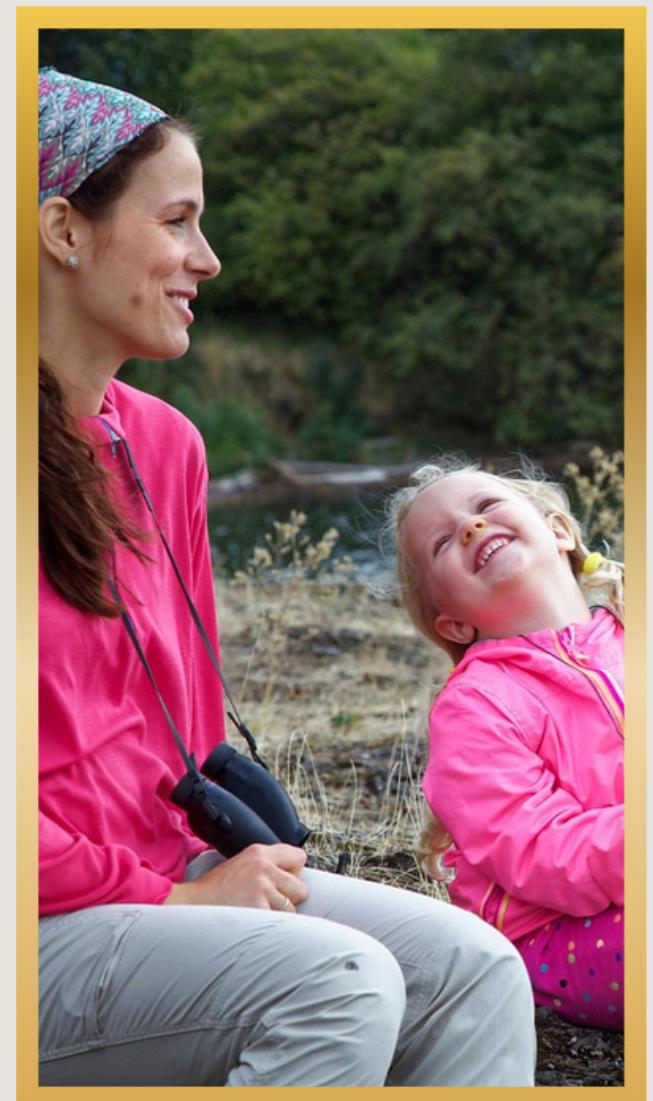


Help us to say our own  
“yes” to the urgent call,  
as pressing as ever,  
to proclaim the good  
news of Jesus.



Filled with Christ's presence,  
you brought joy to John the Baptist, making him exult in the womb of his mother.

Brimming over with joy,  
you sang of the great things done by God.



Standing at the foot of the cross with unyielding faith, you received the joyful comfort of the resurrection, and joined the disciples in awaiting the Spirit so that the evangelizing Church might be born.



Obtain for us now a new ardour born of the resurrection, that we may bring to all the Gospel of life which triumphs over death. Give us a holy courage to seek new paths, that the gift of unfading beauty may reach every man and woman.



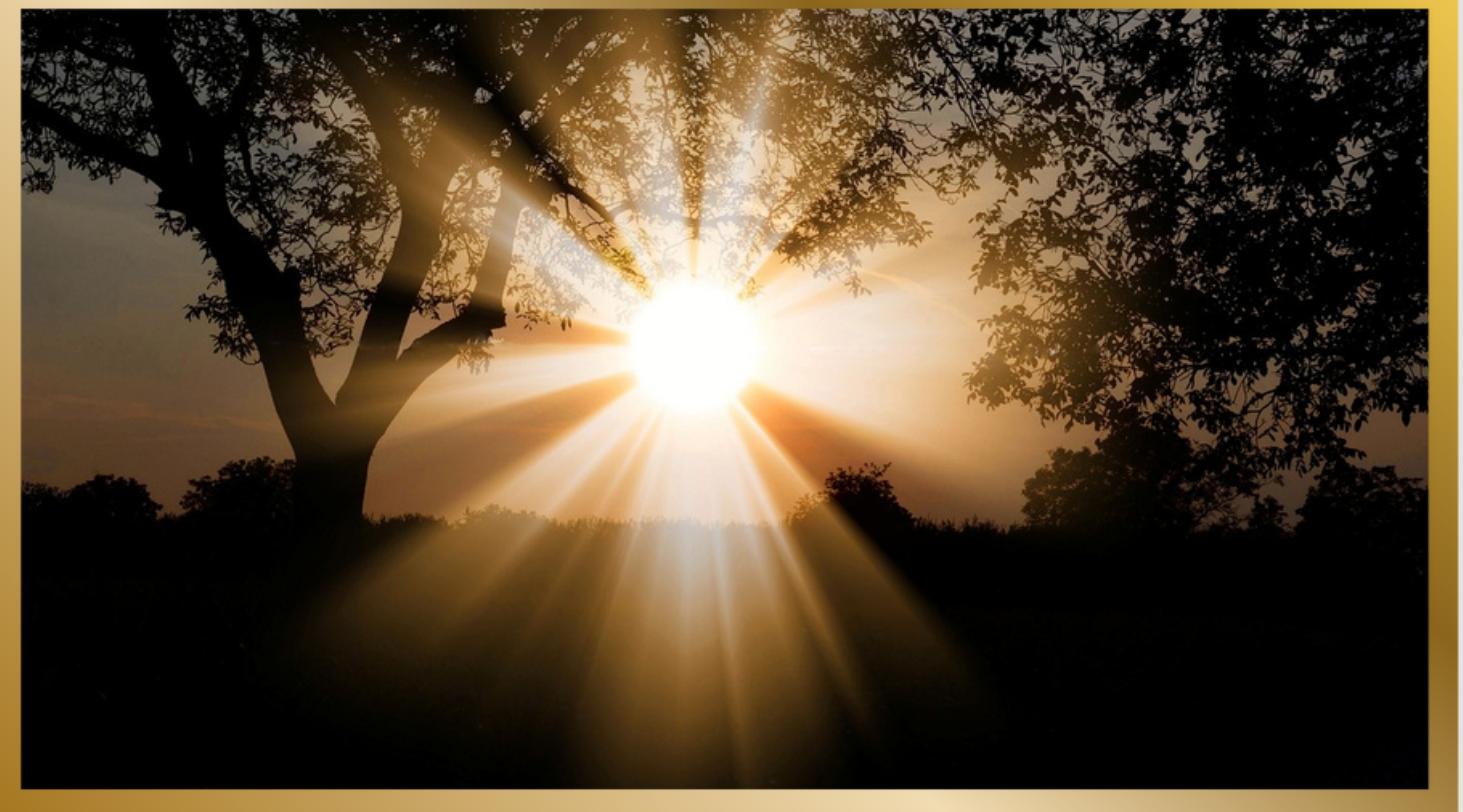
Virgin of listening and contemplation, Mother of love, Bride of the eternal wedding feast, pray for the Church, whose pure icon you are, that she may never be closed in on herself or lose her passion for establishing God's kingdom.



Star of the new  
evangelization,  
help us to bear radiant  
witness  
to communion, service,  
ardent and generous  
faith, justice and love of  
the poor...



...that the joy of the Gospel  
may reach  
to the ends of the earth,  
illuminating even the  
fringes of our world.



Mother  
of the living Gospel,  
wellspring of happiness  
for God's little ones,  
pray for us.

Amen. Alleluia!

